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EDITORIALS

DOCTOR BUTLER'S 75TH BIRTHDAY

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, New York City, celebrated his 75th birthday on April 2.

Dr. Butler's high standing in educational attainments is recognized throughout the world. But it is a gratifying fact that in late years his career has been embellished by an unassuming but a most significant contribution to the Federal Constitution concerning the employment of children during the summer months.

MACHINERY AND SHORTER HOURS

Organized labor demands that a broad reduction in the length of the work week, without decrease in wages, is necessary to provide employment for the millions who have been deprived of the opportunity to work by the wholesale introduction of labor-displacing machinery.

GEFFY CONSIDERED BY SENATE

House of Representatives

Representative Committee on Education and Labor, House of Representatives, today introduced a bill to amend the act of August 21, 1912, known as the Geffey bill, which provides for the establishment of a minimum wage for children and young persons.

ROOSEVELT PRAISES OBJECTIVE OF WORLD TEXTILE CONFERENCE

in Textile Industry—Higher Wages and Shorter Hours Held Important by Secretary Perkins

Washington, D. C.—The International Textile Conference convened here by the International Labor Organization to consider world conditions in the textile manufacturing industry, cotton, silk, woolen and rayon goods and other textile products, began its task with the widest of President Roosevelt for its success.

SENATE CONDEMNS SIT-DOWN STRIKES, INDUSTRIAL SPIES, COMPANY UNIONS

Employers Assailed For Defying Wagner Act—Detective Spying Activities in Trade Unions and Labor Disputes Scrying

Washington, D. C.—The Senate by a vote of 75 to 3 approved a resolution today condemning sit-down strikes, industrial spies, company unions and other activities which are prohibited by the National Labor Relations Act.

C. I. O. Militancy Assailed by Green

A. F. of L. President Tells Aluminum Workers Council in Newark That Democratic Labor Movement Is Imperiled by Minority Rule Scheme of Lewis Group

Newark, N. J.—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, delivered here in an address before the Aluminum Workers Council of the National Council of American Federation of Labor and the Lewis Committee for Industrial Organization in Newark, N. J., today.

A legal examination of the situation reveals with indisputable accuracy and clearness that Federal legislation is the instrument which will set free workers from the slavery imposed upon them by existing employment standards from the varying age standards fixed by different States.

To remedy this intolerable condition organized labor and progressive forces everywhere have lined up in favor of the amendment.

Early in January, President Roosevelt in personal letters to the Governors of non-striking States, whose legislatures were scheduled to meet during 1937, urging ratification of the amendment.

Children should be in school rather than chained to the wheels of industry for the profit of employers. But they are sent for the sole reason that their wages are lower than those of adults. And of late years Dr. Butler has used his influence to force against the only effective way of controlling labor by the Federal Government to children in all parts of the country, which, in the language of Governor Lehman of New York, can be achieved only through the Federal Child Labor Amendment.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IN ENGLAND

The wage earners of Great Britain under the leadership of the British Trade Union Congress, with the aid of the British Government, have successfully resisted the efforts of the industrial and agricultural employers to establish a system of collective bargaining with the American Federation of Labor, have succeeded in establishing recognition and collective bargaining in nearly all lines, a recent survey reveals.

Unions have brought about vastly improved conditions for the workers and have prospered through the success of their treasury growing substantially. A notable example is the National Union of Ironworkers, which has over 2,000,000 pounds sterling, or \$30,000,000.

Conciliatory efforts, through machinery set up by employers and labor, has also been successful in the railway and the coal and steel industries. Shipbuilders, miners and others throughout the long list of industries and occupations, "pact" with the Government.

40-Hour Week for Textile Workers In All Countries Urged by Mertens

Belgian Trade Union Official Tells I. L. O. Conference in Washington That Millions Have Been Thrown Into Jobless Army Since 1919 Parley Adopted 40-Hour Week Policy.

JOINT COAL MINERS' WY \$85,000,000 PAY BOOST

Thirty-day Hour Week Will Be Continued Under New Two-Year Agreement—Probe of Job-Destroying Machinery Authorized.

New York, N. Y.—A new two-year agreement providing for an increase of \$85,000,000 a year for around 1937-1938 was signed today by the United Mine Workers of America and the National Coal Association.

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UNION LABEL POSTERS

Washington, D. C. (AP)—The United Mine Workers of America today declared that it has a supply of posters for the purpose of informing the public of the benefits of union membership.

MARYLAND SOLONS FIGHT CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT

Annapolis, Md. (AP)—A resolution introduced in the Maryland House of Delegates today to amend the act of 1912, known as the Geffey bill, which provides for the establishment of a minimum wage for children and young persons.

MERCHANTS BOOST FOOD PRICES 7.4 PER CENT

Food-Buying Power of Workers' Declined to 92 Cents During Last Year, Report Shows.

Washington, D. C. (AP)—Merchants continued their activities against the proposed amendment to the act of 1912, known as the Geffey bill, which provides for the establishment of a minimum wage for children and young persons.

AKRON TIMES SIGN NEWSPAPER GUILD CONTRACT

Akron, Ohio (AP)—The Akron Times today signed a new contract with the Newspaper Guild of Akron, Ohio.

ROCKFORD UPHOLSTERS STRIKE; TWO WERE INJURED

Rockford, Ill. (AP)—An automobile upholsterer today struck a car belonging to the Rockford Police Department.

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C. I. O. Union Enjoined From Claiming That It Is Affiliated With the A. F. of L.

New York Local of Min. Mill and Steel Workers Union Is Ordered to Stop Infringing Jurisdiction of Operating Engineers, an A. F. of L. Affiliate.

New York, N. Y. (AP)—The C. I. O. Union today was enjoined from claiming that it is affiliated with the A. F. of L.

AUTO WORKERS LOSE SOLE BARGAINING DEMAND IN CHRYSLER STRIKE SETTLEMENT

C. I. O. Union Is Recognized Only in Matters Concerning Its Own Members Exclusively.

New York, N. Y. (AP)—The C. I. O. Union today was recognized only in matters concerning its own members exclusively.

WISCONSIN SOLONS PASS LABOR RELATIONS BILL

La Follette Administration Organizes and Outlaws Company Unions.

Madison, Wis. (AP)—The Wisconsin Legislature today passed a bill to organize and outlaw company unions.

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trative policy of the A. F. of L. was upheld by a vote of two to one. Immediately thereafter the minority organized to force the minority view on the labor movement."

Mr. Green declared that the C. I. O. unions tolerate company unions as rival bargaining agents in plants, and

A positive denial that the issue with the C. I. O. was craft versus industrial unions was made by Mr. Green.

Central Labor Bodies Ban Dual Unionism

Referring to recent actions in city central bodies denying seats to delegates from C. I. O. unions, Mr. Green

"They are going to remain A. F. of L. subordinate units. We are not going to permit designing persons to use any one of these to establish dual unionism. Where we found some designing persons working for the

The second convention of the National Council of Aluminum Workers, before which Mr. Green spoke, consisted of delegates representing fifteen Federal local unions of aluminum workers of the American Federation

The convention met to consider the proposal to apply for a charter as an international union. At the close of an executive session, David Williams, president of the council and A. F. of L. representative, announced that the convention had voted unanimously to defer application for the charter pending further organization.

The convention then began work on plans for a continued organization.

House Tables Probe Of Sit-Down Strikes

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tors and representatives of the United Automobile Workers of America and the John L. Lewis Committee for Industrial Organization.

The Dies resolution, the expressed purpose of which was to lay the basis for "the immediate enactment of remedial legislation," directed the Speaker

"1. The cause or causes producing such 'sit-down' strikes.

"3. Upon whose advice and instigation such 'sit-down' strikes were called

"6. The efforts made by the local and state authorities to prevent such 'sit-down' strikes.

"7. All other charges which have been made or will be made by the representatives of labor on the one hand and the management of industry on the other so that a full, complete, and impartial finding of facts

"8. All other questions in relation thereto that would assist Congress in the immediate enactment of necessary remedial legislation."

The broad scope of the special committee's power was indicated by the provision authorizing the issuance of subpoenas signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives requiring witnesses to come before the com-

mittee with all "records, books, papers, and documents" held "pertinent to the investigation" and demanded by the committee, with provision for the application of legal penalties prescribed by Federal statutes for refusal to comply with the subpoena.

Edwards Flore, Hotel Employees' Union President, Named Member of Board to Adjust Dispute.

Detroit, Mich. (AFL-NS).—Over 200

sit-down striking employees of the Book-Cadillac Hotel here were evicted from the building by police. Twenty-four hours later they returned on the advice of Frank X. Martel, president of the Wayne County Federation of Labor, and other union officials, following the ap-

The board consisted of Mayor Couzens, chairman; Alex J. Groesbeck, former Governor of Michigan; and Thomas J.

the Detroit Hotel Association, and Edward Flore, president of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance and Bartenders International League of America.

By Vermont Legislature
Montpelier, Vt. (AFLNB).—The Legislature of Vermont passed a drastic bill designed to outlaw sit-down strikes and sent it to Governor Alken for his signature.

Under the terms of the measure "It is unlawful for three or more persons to conspire to occupy or to occupy property of another without his consent."

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